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General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial Nos.

Part B for M 1928

SUBJECT

Proposal for revising the scale of water rate and the levy of house fees for house service Connection in the Mysore Cantonment municipality

17 To, The President, M.C. Mysore, the Comptroller to Govt and the Secretary P.W.D No. 43 80-80/a 4.4.28

Sanctions the proposal referred to above.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. File No. 54 of 192 6

Serial No.	
14	Letter no G T 188 dt 7 6 28 from the President mul Cantt Mysore requesting sanction to the resolution of the Cantt Council proposing revised Scale of water rate for the levy of fees for house Service Connection in the Mysore city
	Submitted for perusal and orders ✓ The defect under Fees for house Service Connection by adopting the ~~proposed~~ rates is likely to amount as for Provisional letter to Rs 5000/- ~~which~~ proposed to be met out of excess of Rs 6000/- under General water rate of Rs 30000/- which is said to be the actual demand for the year 1928-29 3 Before according sanction to the proposal, the Chief Engineer may perhaps be consulted in the matter as the P to Depty are furnished Budget Estimates of the annual maintenance and operation charges of the Municipality-
	~~Engineer, the Secretary of~~

NOTE—Contin. Sheet.

WD 6176—SPB—30,000—10-4-28

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Serial No.

4 Read, and put up for consideration with the proceedings processed in file 60 of the Road Rags for calling for objections if necessary. This alteration of tax does not in any way increase the burden on the other hand, it is a decrease of tax. It is therefore perhaps not necessary to publish the revised rates calling for objections.

Ch 15/6. K 16/6.

5 The question of publishing the revised rates calling for objections is not necessary 22/6/26

Under Section 60 of the Madras Municipalities Act

page 212 of the Manual in Book is part of the

* This page may be numbered (4)

The petitions are back up (Flag N)

6 Mem putting up the petitions received against the revised rates.

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7 The Complaints received against the revised rates in the Kilpauk Colony Ward are also put up.

The proposals are for consideration.

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8 The proposal of the Municipal Council may be approved on the understanding that the loss of revenue due to the adoption of the revised scale

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will be made good by the Municipality from its general revenues

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Draft submitted

Chief Secretary

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If approved, the petition from the two citizens of Bijapur re the water tax will be forwarded to the President and Council Bijapur for disposal and the petitioners given an endorsement

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The petitioners will thereupon be informed of the order passed on the petition

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

WD 6171—GPB—50,000—12-4-22

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MYSORE

Dated 6th June 1928

From

T G RAMA IYER? ESQ B A
President City Municipal Council
MYSORE

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
BANGALORE

With reference to Government Order No L 4285-8 Ml 84-26-6 dated 4-7th January 1927 fixing among other things the fees for water house connections I have the honour to state that under the sanctioned scale a person the rental value of whose house is Rs 100 has to pay an annual fee of Rs 5 while a person the rental value of whose house is a rupee more has to pay Rs 12 or Rs 7 in excess Similar steep differences exist in the cases of rental values amounting to Rs 200 and 201 Rs 300 and 301 etc This disparity in the levy of fees is felt as a hardship by the Rate-payers Complaints having been received in this behalf the matter was considered by the Standing Committee in the first instance and thereafter by the Municipal Council in their meeting dated 26th May 1928 After due consideration a revised scale as detailed in the enclosed copy of the Resolution has been fixed by them so as to avoid the existing hardship

By the adoption of this revised scale a deficit of about Rs 5,000 is likely to accrue under "Fees for house service connections" and whatever decrease actually accrues on this account is proposed to be met out of the excess of Rs 5 000 under General water rate of Rs 30 000, which is the actual demand for the year 1928-29

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In these circumstances I request you to kindly obtain the sanction of Government to the revised scale and communicate the same to me at an early date

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

PRESIDENT

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Proceedings of the 21st ordinary meeting of the City Municipal Council, Mysore, held in the Council Chamber on Saturday the 26th May 1928 at 8 A.M.

Present.

1. T S.Rama Iyer, Esq , B A., President
2. M.Ramaswami Esq , Vice President
3. M.K Krishna Rao, Esq.,
4. P Sitaramiah, Esq , B A , B.L ,
5. C.Narasimhiah, Esq , B A., B.L.,
6. P S Ram swami Iyengar, Esq ,
7. I J Alli Khan, Esq ,
8. S Ramjaraj Urs, Esq
9. Doddajavarappa, Esq ,
10. M J Thammiah, Esq ,
11. M.Venkatakrishniah, Esq.,
12. A.Krishna Rao, Esq , B A , B L.,
13. P.H Chandrabhan Singh, Esq.,
14. Rev Father I M Lobo
15. Dharmaprakasa D Banumia , Esq.,
16. T.Thammanna Esq ,
17. P M Jangappa Esq ,
18. M Ramachandran, Esq , B A ., B.T., G.L.T.C.
19. Mahomed Sait, Esq ,
20. K.Dhanakotichetty, Esq.,
21. M P.Bhogiah, Esq., B A., B..
22. V T Ammuga Modaliar Esq

Absent

1. M Rama Rao, Esq., B A , ..
2. T Ramaswami Iyer Esq ,
3. M C Lakshmipataiya, Esq , B A ,
4. M Madappa, Esq.,
5. H C Jesap a Esq., B A , LL.B.)
6. T Virupakshiah, Esq ,
7. Khan Bahadur P Pallonji, Esq ,
8. (Vacant)

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389 Managing Committee's Resolution o 7 dated 5th May 1928 recommending for sanction the levy of a water rate of Re 1/- for an increase of every Rs 20/- or less in annual rental value between Rs 101 and 200 and Rs 2/8/0 for every increase of Rs 50/- or less in annual rental value between Rs 200 and 500 to relieve hardship to owners of small houses

Resolution - Moved by Mr P Sitaramiah and seconded by Mr D Banumiah

Mr A Krishna Rao moved the amendment that the existing flat rates be abolished in the cases of houses of higher rental value where it is possible to install meters - lost by a majority

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To

AMIN UL-MULK MIRZA M ISMAIL ESQ BA OBE CLE
DEWAN OF MYSORE
MYSORE

We the undersigned citizens of Mysore most humbly and respectfully beg to submit an emphatic protest against the action taken by the City Municipality in levying a new water tax on those unfortunate citizens who happen to have a separate house service and most humbly beg that orders may be issued cancelling this new tax and redressing their present grievances

The reasons for this protest are —

(1) The people are already paying a general water rate which is sufficiently high and to impose this new tax would mean that some people have to pay taxes twice on the same commodity It needs no argument to show that this is against all principles of taxation and justice

(2) No Government which aims at the welfare and happiness of its subjects should think of taxing those commodities that form the prime necessaries of life. If water rates are enhanced simply to meet the growing expenses of the Municipality on the ground that pure water is supplied to the city at some cost then the same argument may be applied to tax the people for the fresh air they breathe in the city It is one of the primary duties of every municipality to supply the people with good lights fresh air and pure water If taxes are levied on each of these items separately what is the purpose of the municipal rates? Is it simply to repair roads and open drains? But even here a separate tax for drains is levied Under these circumstances it is unjust to raise the water rates for the purpose of enhancing the municipal revenue

(3) Granting that there is some justificacation for levying a tax on water there is already a general water tax depending on the rental value of the house and to further increase this tax would work out the ruin of many a poor family For with the increase of water rates the rental value of houses must rise and with this the water rates must rise further and so on to a considerable extent Thus there is a constant tendency to increase the hardship of the people

(4) It is a well known fact that many poor people finding it difficult to get sufficient water from the public fountains have secured a separete home sevice line promising to pay a higher municipal tax and have consequenly raised the rental value of their houses The present further enhancement will bring about their ruin as explained in the last para

(5) The City Improvement Trust Board has demolished many houses and only a very few middle class people have built new houses under great difficulties. Because of the great cost of the building materials in more than fifty per-cent of the cases these people have run into debts and are paying heavy interest This, together with the general increase in the rates of foodstuff has made it almost

impossible for many to make both ends meet If at this juncture the water rates be increased so abnormally and so unjustly their difficulty and their misery become too great to be explained on paper Having invested all their savings in house building they have only to sink into deeper misery and more abject poverty

(6) If the Municipality be afraid of facing a deficit balance it ought to cut its coat according to its cloth and find out how far it could curtail its establishment and other charges before it has recourse to the rough and ready method of levying a new tax on the people If proper retrenchment be made the revenue from the general water tax ought to be more than sufficient to meet the expenses of the water supply department

(7) It can be nothing else than the greed for people s money that has prompted the Municipality to give this new measure a retrospective effect In the case of a new tax sufficiently early notice must be given before collections are undertaken But the present procedure is high handed in the extreme The Municipal councillors who have given their vote to this motion have not considered the matter seriously and certainly have not consulted their constituencies and voiced their opinion In such an important matter as this they ought to inform the people of the proposed measure and should place the public opinion before the Council if they at all wish to justify the trust placed in them by the people Especially the people whose pockets are affected by such a measure have a right to know why they have to pay extra taxes This is the principle in all self governed communities and the Municipality is such a self governing body We therefore pray that this high handed procedure be nipped in the bud and the rights of the citizens safe guarded

(8) Considering the population the number of public fountains in the city is perfectly inadequate to supply enough water to all the people Those who arrange for a separate house service considerably help the Municipality by reducing the crowd near the public taps and lessening the demand for more public fountains Why then should they especially be made to pay higher rates? Is it because that those who can afford to build big house and have water convenience must be made to pay more? In that case it is no longer a water tax but a property tax One does not consume more water simply because one has a separate House service How then do these people deserve the special honour of paying more for the water they consume?

(9) Suppose a man finds it impossible to pay this higher rate and is ready to dispense with the house service whatever inconvenience it may cause him who is to pay the initial expenditure incurred by him at the outset or pay for the well that he proposes to sink? Most of the wells in the city were filled up and facilities for getting separate house service were shown and consequently people rushed to make use of the opportunity afforded Then they did not even dream of a separate tax Now all of a sudden this new scheme threatens to come into operation This is like some of those advertisements that offer a watch free of cost if four of the company s tickets be sold But when one has sold the tickets one suddenly discovers to his great disappointment that the watch cannot be obtained if he is not prepared to buy a chain to wear with it If in a contract new conditions are imposed they are binding only on those who enter into the contract subsequent to the introduction of the conditions If these are such as are not acceptable to the previous part then it is but just that it should seek separation for all its losses

(10) In addition to the above arguments which we hope will be acceptable to your reason and justice we beg furthur to appeal to your sense of humanity and pray that you may not sanction the introduction of this new tax and that you may not add this extra burden to the life of the middle and poorer classes and render it more miserable than it is at present (This is an appeal to your sentiment of patriotism and desire to serve the public and) we pray that it may not go without evoking the desired purpose

We place these arguments before you that they may receive the kind consideration they deserve and that you may issue orders annulling the tax and there by winning the love and gratitude of the citizens of Mysore

We beg to remain

Sir

Your most loyal and obedient servants

The citizens of Mysore

G RAMA RAO
Public Sympathiser
Ry and Press Correspondant
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Proceedings of the Government of H
the Maharaja of Mysore

R e a d -

G O No L 4285-8/Ml 84-26 dated 4/7th January 1928, passing orders in the matter of operation and maintenance cost of the Mysore City Water Supply and sanctioning among other things the levy of fees for house service connections according to the undermentioned graduated scale in lieu of excess water charges and metre-hire -

	Classed of houses based on rental value Rs	Rate per annum Rs
1	Up to Rs 100	5/-
2	Rs 101 to 200	12/-
3	Rs 202 to 300	15/-
4	Rs 301 to 500	25/-
5	Rs 501 to 700	35/-
6	Rs 701to 1000	45/-
7	Over Rs 1000	60/-

2 Letter No G T.188 dated 7th June 1928, from the President, Municipal Council Mysore forwarding for sanction a copy of the resolution of the Municipal Council proposing a revised scale of falt-rate in lieu of the existing scale from 1st July 1928

ORDER NO L. 80-83

Dated Bangalore, the 7th July 1928

The Resident reports that

Under the scale sanctioned in the G O read above a person the rental value of whose house is Rs 100/- has to pay fee f Rs 5/- while a per-

of

~~a rupee more~~ has to pay Rs.12/- or Rs.7 ~~in excess.~~ Similar sharp differences ~~exist in the scale of rents, which amount~~ ~~ing to Rs.200/- and 201, Rs.300/- and 301 etc.,~~ Complaints having been received in this ~~behalf~~ the matter was considered by the Mysore City Municipal Council and they have resolved that the ~~flat~~ rate be fixed as follows from 1st July 1928 so as to ~~avoid~~ the ~~existing hardship for~~ ~~anomalies referred to~~ ~~respect of houses of the rental value of~~

	Annual fee.
Rs. 100 and below ...	Rs.5/-
Rs. 100 to 200	Re.1 extra for every increase of Rs.20/- or less in rental valu above Rs.100/-.
Rs. 200 to 500	Rs.2-8-0 extra for eve increase in rental value of Rs.50/- or less above Rs.200/-.
Above Rs. 500	Rs.5/- for every increase of Rs.100/- in rental value above Rs.50

Government have considered the above proposal of the Municipal Council and are pleased to sanction the revised scale on the understanding that the loss of revenue due to the adoption of the revised scale will be made good by the Municipality from their general revenues.

DRAFT)

Chief Secy to Govt.

To

The Pdt. City Ml.Cl. Mysore.
" Chief Engineer of Mysore.
" Secy to Govt. P.W.D.
" Comptroller to Govt.

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